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Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) Board Members

Subject: March 2021 PL Funds Review Committee Meeting

**Dear GAMPO Members:** 

Below is the approved application study list with the assigned Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project identification numbers (P.I. Nos.) and cost summaries. Please update your respective Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) to reflect the approved studies as funded. This letter will serve as official correspondence from the Department acknowledging and highlighting the results of the March 29, 2021 meeting.

 Albany - Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS MPO)-Freight Profile Update

Requested \$50,000 (\$40,000 Federal, \$10,000 Local) to update the MPO freight profile Study. The PL Funds Review Committee voted yes for approval of this application request. The GDOT project ID for this study is P.I. No. 0018096

 Albany - Dougherty Area Regional Transportation Study (DARTS MPO)-Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update

Requested \$150,000 (\$120,000 Federal, \$30,000 Local) to update the MPO Bike and Pedestrian Plan. The PL Funds Review Committee voted yes for approval of this application request. The GDOT project ID for this study is P.I. No. 0018097

 Brunswick Area Transportation Study (BATS MPO)-Altama Bicycle Corridor Study

Requested \$80,000 (\$64,000 Federal, \$16,000 Local) to study the Altama Corridor. The PL Funds Review Committee voted yes for approval of this application request. The GDOT project ID for this study is P.I. No. 0018098

 Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS MPO)-2022 Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Requested \$300,000 (\$240,000 Federal, \$60,000 Local) to update the MPO bike and pedestrian plan. The PL Funds Review Committee voted yes for approval of this application request. The GDOT project ID for this study is P.I. No. 0018099

 Hinesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (HAMPO)-State Route 119/E.G. Miles Parkway Corridor Study Requested \$200,000 (\$160,000 Federal, \$40,000 Local) to study the SR 119/EG Miles corridor. The PL Funds Review Committee voted yes for approval of this application request. The GDOT project ID for this study is P.I. No. 0018100

Any MPO that receives supplemental PL funding for planning studies utilizing consultant services must follow all standard applicable federal, state and local procurement procedures. Additionally, any MPO that receives supplemental PL funding will need to work with their respective GDOT transportation planner to execute a new separate planning (PL) study contract. An amendment is required to the respective MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) placing the associated funds in the funded portion of the UPWP. This specific amendment can be completed administratively or through the respective MPO's standard UPWP amendment process.

As a reminder, the MPOs that were allotted supplemental PL Funds will need to provide progress status updates at the next meeting in September 2021 and in writing to the Department prior to the upcoming meeting. This will enable the PL Funds Review Committee to thoroughly track progress, dollar amounts expended, and provide an effective oversight measure.

The Department would like to thank you for conducting the PL Funds Review Committee Meeting that was held on March 29, 2021 and looks forward to continually working with the GAMPO members and the MPOs in this process. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Ted Hicks at 404-631-1750 or at <a href="mailto:ehicks@dot.ga.gov">ehicks@dot.ga.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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